

United States District Court
STATE AND DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

THERON PRESTON WASHINGTON

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Case Number:

MN 10-232 SRN

I, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about June 8, 2010, in Anoka County, in the State and District of Minnesota, defendant(s)

did, by force, violence and intimidation, take from the person and presence of a victim teller approximately \$3,000 in United States currency belonging to and in the care, custody, control, management and possession of Northeast Bank, located at 200 Coon Rapids Boulevard, Coon Rapids, Minnesota, the deposits of which were then insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Certificate No. 16659.

in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section(s) 2113(a).

I further state that I am a(n) Special Agent and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof: ☒ Yes ☐ No

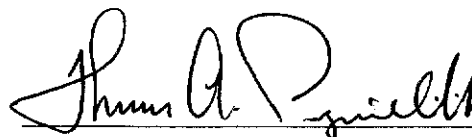
Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence,

June 9, 2010 3:25 pm at

Date

The Honorable Susan Richard Nelson
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

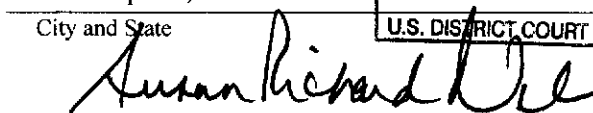
Name & Title of Judicial Officer



Signature of Complainant
Thomas A. Perzichilli
FBI

Minneapolis, MN

City and State



Signature of Judicial Officer

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STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss. AFFIDAVIT OF THOMAS A. PERZICHILLI
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

I, Thomas A. Perzichilli, being first duly sworn under oath,
depose and state as follows:

1. I am employed as a Special Agent ("SA") with the Federal
Bureau of Investigation assigned to the Minneapolis Division. I
have been a Special Agent for six (6) years. I am assigned to
investigate violent crimes, including bank robberies.

2. This affidavit is based on my training, experience,
personal knowledge and observations in this investigation; my
discussions with other law enforcement officers and agents directly
involved in this investigation; and my review of official reports
submitted in relation to this investigation. Further, this
affidavit contains information to support probable cause but is not
intended to convey facts of the entire investigation.

3. This affidavit is made for the purpose of establishing
probable cause in support of a federal arrest warrant and therefore
contains only a summary of relevant facts.

4. Northeast Bank maintains a branch at 200 Coon Rapids
Boulevard, Coon Rapids, Minnesota (MN). On June 8, 2010, Northeast
Bank was robbed by a lone black male, described as 5'2", wearing a
white t-shirt and jeans. The robber entered the bank, approached
the victim teller, and produced a demand note that said "Count out
\$3,000 and you won't get hurt". The victim teller counted out
\$3,000 in \$100 denominations and gave it to the robber. The robber

fled the bank and got into a waiting Airport Taxi van.

5. An audit conducted by the bank revealed that the robber got away with \$3,000.

6. The Northeast Bank Vice President recognized the robber from May 26, 2010 at which time the robber was in Northeast Bank inquiring about opening an account. Following the robbery on June 8, 2010, the Northeast Bank Vice President went outside and saw the robber leaving in the Airport Taxi van. The Vice President obtained the vehicle license plate number. This information was given to the Coon Rapids Police and a description of the robber was broadcast out to law enforcement.

7. The Airport Taxi van was located by law enforcement and the driver told police he had dropped the fare off at the Northtown Shopping Center in Blaine, MN. Coon Rapids Police Officers as well as officers from neighboring departments converged on the area to locate the bank robber. An individual matching the description of the robber was located outside a business in the area of the Northtown Shopping Center. This individual was detained by deputies. The suspect was identified as THERON PRESTON WASHINGTON, DOB 08/21/1972.

8. The suspect, THERON PRESTON WASHINGTON, was detained and taken into custody. A search for weapons incident to arrest revealed a large quantity of \$100 bills. It was later determined that there were twenty nine \$100 bills in WASHINGTON's possession.

9. The Airport taxi driver was brought to the arrest scene by law enforcement officers for the purpose of a show-up. The Airport taxi driver identified WASHINGTON as the individual he had driven to the Northeast Bank, waited for, and then subsequently dropped off at the Northtown Shopping Center. The Airport taxi driver indicated he was paid with a \$100 bill. The one \$100 bill was recovered from the Airport taxi driver, along with the twenty-nine \$100 bills recovered from WASHINGTON's person, accounted for the thirty \$100 bills taken during the Northeast Bank robbery.

10. The Northeast Bank is within close proximity to the Northtown Shopping Center where WASHINGTON had been arrested by law enforcement. WASHINGTON was transported approximately one quarter mile to the bank for the purpose of a show-up with the victim teller and bank vice president. The victim teller and bank vice president were separately shown WASHINGTON. The victim teller identified WASHINGTON as the individual who had just robbed her at Northeast Bank. The bank vice president identified WASHINGTON as the individual he has seen in Northeast Bank during the June 8, 2010 robbery as well as on May 26, 2010.

11. WASHINGTON provided a post *Miranda* statement admitting to the Northeast Bank robbery on June 8, 2010. WASHINGTON was shown two bank surveillance photos of the robber inside the Northeast Bank branch. WASHINGTON said the individual depicted in both surveillance photos was him and he initialed and dated each photo,

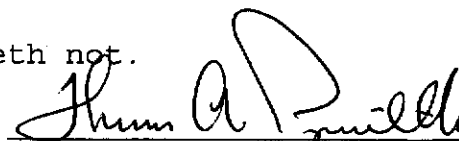
identifying himself as the robber.

12. WASHINGTON said the demand note he presented to the victim teller requested \$3,000. The demand note used during the Northeast Bank robbery was shown to WASHINGTON and he identified it as the note he wrote and used during the robbery. A photocopy of the demand note was made and WASHINGTON initialed and dated the copy indicating that was the demand note he wrote and used during the June 8, 2010 Northeast Bank robbery.

13. At the time of the robbery, the deposits of Northeast Bank were insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) Certificate No. 16659.

14. Based upon these facts conveyed in this affidavit, your affiant believes probable cause exists to charge THERON PRESTON WASHINGTON with the commission of bank robbery on June 8, 2010, at Northeast Bank, located at 200 Coon Rapids Boulevard, Coon Rapids, Minnesota, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113 (a).


Further your Affiant sayeth not.



Thomas A. Perzichilli
Special Agent

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me

this 9th day of June, 2010.



Susan R. Nelson
United States Magistrate Judge